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previous year. Live weight averaged 58 pounds, up six pounds from the previous month but eight pounds below the previous year.

Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during January totaled 400,000 pounds, down 20 percent from December 2010 but the same as the previous year.

There were 400 head of **cattle** slaughtered during January, 100 head below the previous month but the same as the previous year. Average live weight was 757 pounds, up 35 pounds from the previous month and 24 pounds above January 2010. Total live weight, at 329,000 pounds, was down one percent from the previous month but 15 percent above the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during January totaled 400 head, unchanged from December but 100 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 521 pounds, down five pounds from December and 15 pounds below January 2010. Total live weight, at 211,000 pounds, was up seven percent from December but 18 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during January totaled 800 head, down 600 head from the previous month but the same as January 2010. Average live weight was 185 pounds, up 28 pounds from December but five pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 149,000 pounds, down 34 percent from December and seven percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during January was 200 head, down 100 head from the previous month but the same as the

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled four billion pounds in January, up three percent from the 3.9 billion pounds produced in January 2010.

January 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. **January 2010** contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.1 billion pounds, was two percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.7 million head, up one percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, seven percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.9 billion pounds, five percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.1 million head, two percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up six pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up one pound from January a year ago.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana			United States	
	December	January		January	
	2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	-----Number, thousand head-----			-----Number, thousand head-----	
Cattle	0.5	0.4	0.4	2,707.2	2,735.2
Calves	0.4	0.5	0.4	82.8	71.8
Hogs	1.4	0.8	0.8	8,909.7	9,103.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.2	0.2	186.6	161.1
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----	
Cattle	334	286	329	3,480,603	3,544,876
Calves	197	256	211	19,474	18,278
Hogs	227	161	149	2,417,827	2,529,725
Sheep & Lambs	14	16	12	25,705	22,301
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----			-----Average live weight, pounds-----	
Cattle	722	733	757	1,290	1,301
Calves	526	536	521	238	262
Hogs	157	190	185	272	278
Sheep & Lambs	52	66	58	138	139
	-----Million pounds-----			-----Million pounds-----	
Red Meat	0.5	0.4	0.4	3,917.6	4,041.8

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield and Production¹

Selected States	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----1,000 Colonies-----		-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Alabama	9	9	50	54	450	486
Arkansas	24	25	57	60	1,368	1,500
Georgia	65	55	41	46	2,665	2,530
Louisiana	37	21	103	80	3,811	1,680
Mississippi	14	16	104	98	1,456	1,568
Texas	89	100	63	72	5,607	7,200
United States	2,498	2,684	58.6	65.5	146,416	175,904

Honey: Stocks, Price and Values¹

Selected States	Stocks, December 15 ²		Average Price Per Pound ³		Value of Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----Cents-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----	
Alabama	68	73	186	222	837	1,079
Arkansas	301	360	142	147	1,943	2,205
Georgia	346	152	147	167	3,918	4,225
Louisiana	610	269	136	148	5,183	2,486
Mississippi	87	78	132	147	1,922	2,305
Texas	1,065	792	139	153	7,794	11,016
United States	37,516	45,307	147.3	160.3	215,671	281,974

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Prices weighted by sales.

Louisiana Honey Production

Honey production from producers with five or more hives in Louisiana during 2010 totaled 1.7 million pounds, down 56 percent from 2009. The number of colonies, at 21,000, was down 43 percent from 2009. Honey stocks on December 15, 2010, amounted to 269,000 pounds, down 341,000 pounds from 2009.

The average price received for honey sold during 2010 was 148 cents per pound, up 12 cents from 2009. The value of the 2010 honey crop was 2.5 million dollars, down 52 percent from the previous year.

United States Honey Production Up 20 Percent

Honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.7 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up seven percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Record High

Honey prices increased to a record high 160.3 cents per pound during 2010, up nine percent from 147.3 cents per pound in 2009. United States and state level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	February 2010	January 2011	February ¹ 2011	February 2010	January 2011	February ¹ 2011
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.44	10.90	11.20	9.41	11.60	12.10
Sorghum, per cwt	2/	2/	2/	5.44	9.45	10.40
Rice, per cwt	14.00	12.60	13.10	14.80	12.90	13.90
Upland Cotton, per pound	.612	.744	2/	.650	.822	.883 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	104.00	112.00	116.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	61.10	5/	5/	85.70	107.00	106.00
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	89.30	5/	5/	90.50	110.00	109.00
Cows, per cwt ⁶	50.20	5/	5/	51.70	65.00	71.20
Calves, per cwt	98.80	5/	5/	113.00	136.00	136.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.470	.450	.440
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.917	.850	.954
Milk, All, per cwt ⁷	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.90	16.70	18.40

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month

⁴ “Cows” and “steers and heifers” combined.

⁵ Estimates discontinued in 2011.

⁶ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁷ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

February Farm Prices Received Index Increased 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased four points from January. The Crop Index was up 12 points and the Livestock Index increased four points. Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 33 points from February 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 163, increased five points from last month and increased 29 points from February 2010.

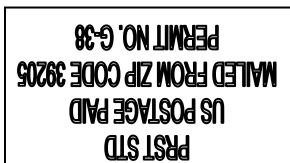
Prices Paid Index Up 3 Point

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 197 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was up three points from January and was 17 points above February 2010. Higher prices in February for feed grains, complete feeds, nitrogen and diesel more than offset lower prices for LP gas and other services.

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